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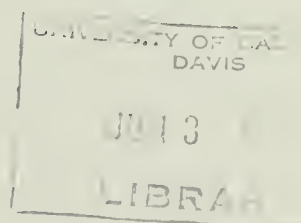
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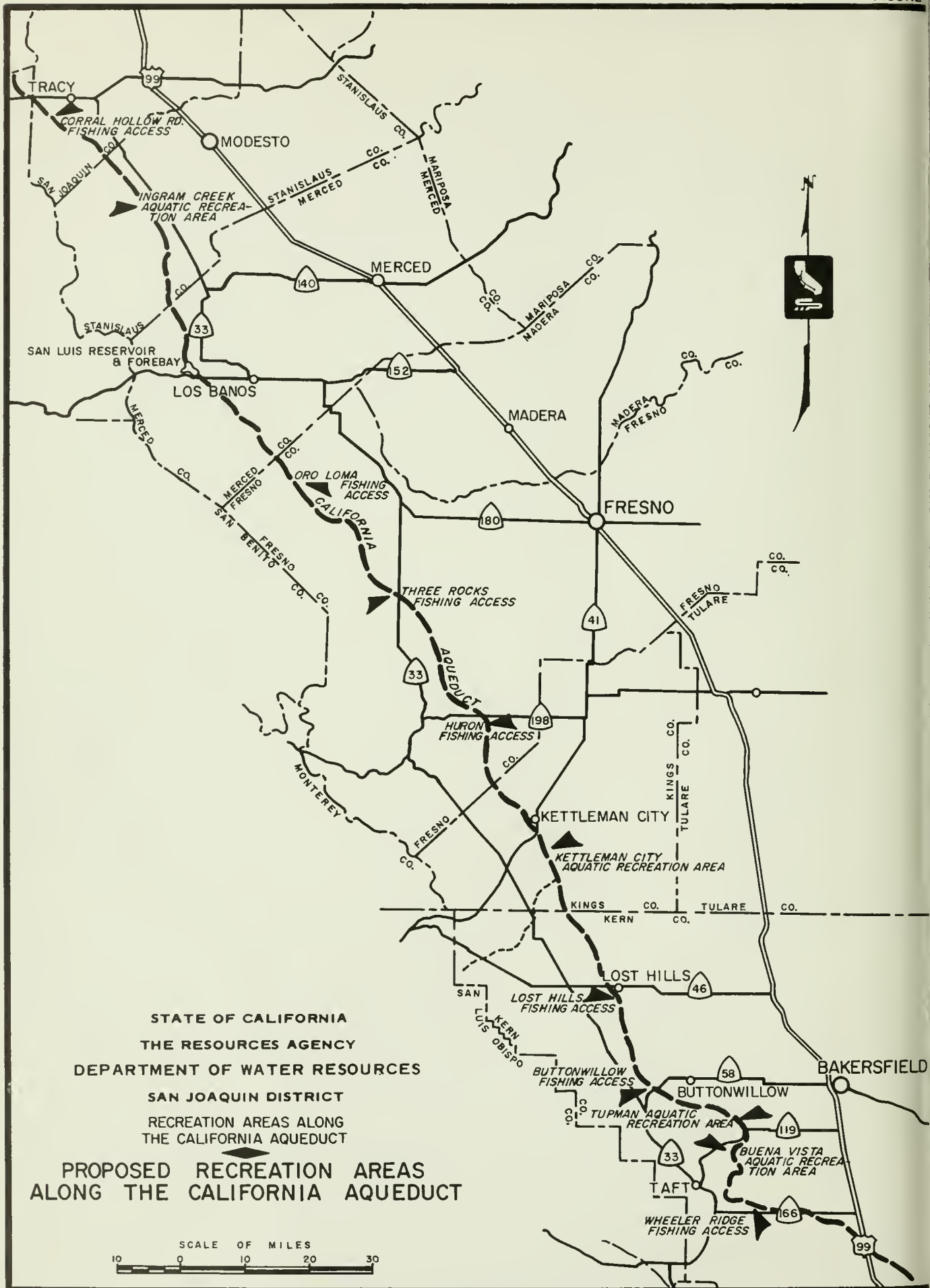


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FOREWORD

This report was prepared in response to Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 54 adopted by the 1965 California Legislature. The resolution requested the Department of Water Resources to expedite formulation of plans which will implement the recommendations contained in Bulletin No. 154, entitled "Potential Recreation Areas Along the California Aqueduct in the San Joaquin Valley".

This report describes the initial and future recreation areas recommended for acquisition in Bulletin No. 154 and development in the San Joaquin Valley.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William E. Warne".

William E. Warne, Director
Department of Water Resources
The Resources Agency
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STATUS AND PROGRESS OF RECREATION PLANNING

The State Water Project will provide recreation opportunities along the California Aqueduct in the San Joaquin Valley. This huge man-made river will provide water for recreation and for fish and wildlife on the Valley's arid west side.

Past experience clearly indicates the magnetic attraction that new water bodies present to recreation seekers. What happened at Shasta, Folsom, Millerton, Cachuma, and Frenchman Reservoirs is a good example of the heavy recreation activity that develops rapidly upon completion of a project.

Provision of recreation facilities at California's water projects to enhance fish and wildlife resources and to fully utilize aquatic recreation opportunities will create a two-fold benefit. First, recreation facilities will materially add to the value of water resources development by providing additional opportunities to enjoy outdoor recreation. Second, substantial economic benefits will accrue, both to the State and to the region in which each project is constructed.

The Davis-Dolwig Act (Sections 11900-11925, California Water Code):

"... declares it to be the policy of this State that recreation and the enhancement of fish and wildlife resources are among the purposes of state water projects; that the acquisition of real property for such purposes be planned and initiated concurrently with and as a part of the land acquisition program for other purposes of state water projects; and that facilities for such purposes be ready and available for public use when each state water project having a potential for such uses is completed."

Section 345 of the California Water Code states in part that:

". . . The Department of Water Resources shall
(a) plan recreation development associated with state constructed water projects in consultation with local

public agencies and affected state and federal agencies,
(b) thereafter acquire land necessary to implement and
execute plans for such development pursuant to specific
legislative authorization."

During the 1962 Session, the California Legislature passed Senate Resolution No. 53. This resolution directed the Department of Water Resources and the Division of Highways, along with other state and federal agencies, to develop a coordinated plan for acquisition and development of property for freeway, aqueduct, and recreation uses on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley. The development of this plan was under the chairmanship of the Administrator of the Resources Agency of California. This coordinated plan is described in a report of the Resources Agency, entitled "California's West Side Program", dated December 1962. The report identified 26 potentials for water-based recreation. It also recommended that these potentials be carefully evaluated by the Departments of Water Resources, Parks and Recreation, and Fish and Game and by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation. The report further recommended that, upon completion of the evaluation, those potentials be developed where recreation is needed and where the recreation plan is found to be feasible.

During the 1963 Session of the Legislature, Senate Resolution No. 54 was passed which directed the Department of Water Resources, in cooperation with various agencies, to evaluate the 26 water-based recreation potentials. The results of this evaluation are contained in the Department's Bulletin No. 154, entitled "Potential Recreation Areas Along the California Aqueduct", dated January 1965.

The 1965 Legislature adopted Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 54 which was introduced by Assemblyman John C. Williamson requesting the Director of Water Resources to expedite the formulation of plans

that will implement recommendations contained in Bulletin No. 154. The resolution also states that the Legislature will appropriate funds for acquisition of recreation sites and for development of the recreation areas.

Based on the evaluations presented in Bulletin No. 154, the Department of Water Resources concluded that the following sites should be acquired for recreation development:

1. Ingram Creek Aquatic Recreation Area
2. Kettleman City Aquatic Recreation Area
3. Tupman Aquatic Recreation Area
4. Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area
5. Fishing Access Sites
 - a. Corral Hollow
 - b. Sperry Road
 - c. Oro Loma
 - d. Three Rocks
 - e. Huron
 - f. Lost Hills
 - g. Buttonwillow
 - h. Wheeler Ridge

The following recreation sites should be developed initially:

1. Ingram Creek Aquatic Recreation Area
2. Kettleman City Aquatic Recreation Area
3. Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area
4. Fishing Access Sites
 - a. Sperry Road
 - b. Three Rocks
 - c. Wheeler Ridge

The remaining sites should be developed to meet the increasing recreation demand as that demand materializes.

A canalside wildlife habitat planting program and an aqueduct trail system should be provided which are consonant with the Department's requirements for operation and maintenance of the aqueduct.

Drainage water should be utilized for wildlife areas as recommended in the Department's Bulletin No. 127, entitled "San Joaquin Valley Drainage Investigation", dated January 1965.

Subsequent to the publication of Bulletin No. 154 and the office report "Land Use and Acquisition Plan, North San Joaquin Division, California Aqueduct", aqueduct construction activities rendered the Sperry Road Fishing Access Site undesirable for recreation development. A fishing access site at the intersection of Orestimba Creek and the California Aqueduct is being evaluated as a replacement for the Sperry Road Site. A recreation land use and acquisition plan for the Orestimba Creek site is scheduled for completion in June 1966. A recreation development plan is to be completed in October 1968, and construction is scheduled for completion in April 1971.

San Luis reservoir and San Luis Forebay are major units of the State Water Project. Authorization for construction, operation, and maintenance of the units is contained in Section 11260 of the California Water Code. The units will be constructed to provide water for irrigation, for power generation, and for municipal, industrial, and recreation uses. The heavy public use of these reservoirs will warrant recreation developments on a large scale, making the area the focal point for recreation on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley.

Recreation developments for Los Banos Creek Detention Reservoir are being considered. A recreation development plan for the site will be completed by March 1967.

Progress on the recreation features of the State Water Project can best be presented by a combination of graphic and textual material. Geographic locations of the proposed recreation areas along the California Aqueduct are shown on the frontispiece. The current schedule for planning, designing, and constructing specific recreation enhancement facilities is shown in Table 1. The dates, figures, and statistics included in this

report may change as planning for recreation development progresses.

TABLE 1

CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR PLANNING, DESIGNING, AND CONSTRUCTING
SPECIFIC RECREATION AND ENHANCEMENT FACILITIES

		: Completion of	: Completion of	: Completion of
		:Recreation Land Use	: Recreation	:Initial Facilities ^{1/}
		: and	:Development Plan	:
		: Acquisition Plan	:	:
North San Joaquin Div.		January 1965		
Corral Hollow F.A.S. ^{2/}			Not Scheduled	
Orestimba Creek F.A.S.	June 1966		October 1968	April 1971
Ingram Creek A.R.A. ^{3/}			March 1966	April 1968
San Luis Division		January 1967		
San Luis Forebay			January 1965	April 1968
San Luis Reservoir			January 1965	April 1968
Los Banos Creek				
Detention Reservoir			March 1967	Not Scheduled
Oro Loma F.A.S.			Not Scheduled	
Three Rocks F.A.S.			November 1968	April 1971
Huron F.A.S.			Not Scheduled	
South San Joaquin Div.		March 1966		
Kettleman City A.R.A.			March 1966	April 1968
Lost Hills F.A.S.			Not Scheduled	
Buttonwillow F.A.S.			Not Scheduled	
Tupman A.R.A.			October 1974	Not Scheduled
Buena Vista A.R.A.			October 1967	April 1971
Wheeler Ridge F.A.S.			October 1971	April 1974

^{1/} Dates shown comply with provisions of the Davis-Dolwig Act and may be modified if construction funds are not made available.

^{2/} Fishing Access Site.

^{3/} Aquatic Recreation Area.

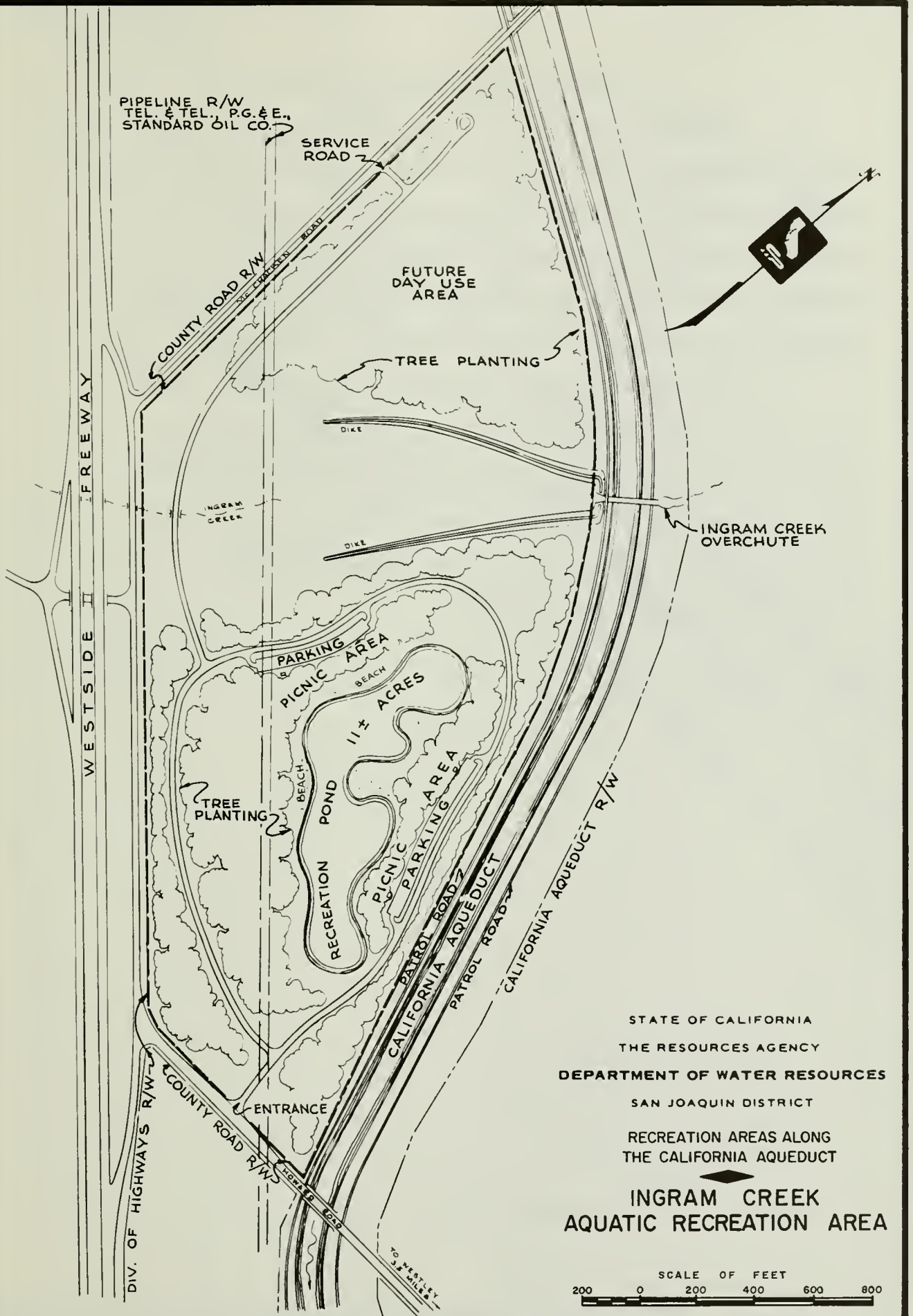
INITIAL RECREATION DEVELOPMENTS

Initial recreation developments as described in this report are those that were recommended for initial development in Bulletin No. 154 to meet the present demand for recreation on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley. The current planning schedule includes the construction of initial recreation developments through 1974.

Ingram Creek Aquatic Recreation Area

The initial development at Ingram Creek Aquatic Recreation Area would include an eleven-acre pond, water supply and sanitary facilities, a concession area, a wildlife area, and facilities for parking, picnicking, rowboating, fishing, and swimming. The development would also provide for fishing access to the California Aqueduct. The total recreation area consists of 155 acres.

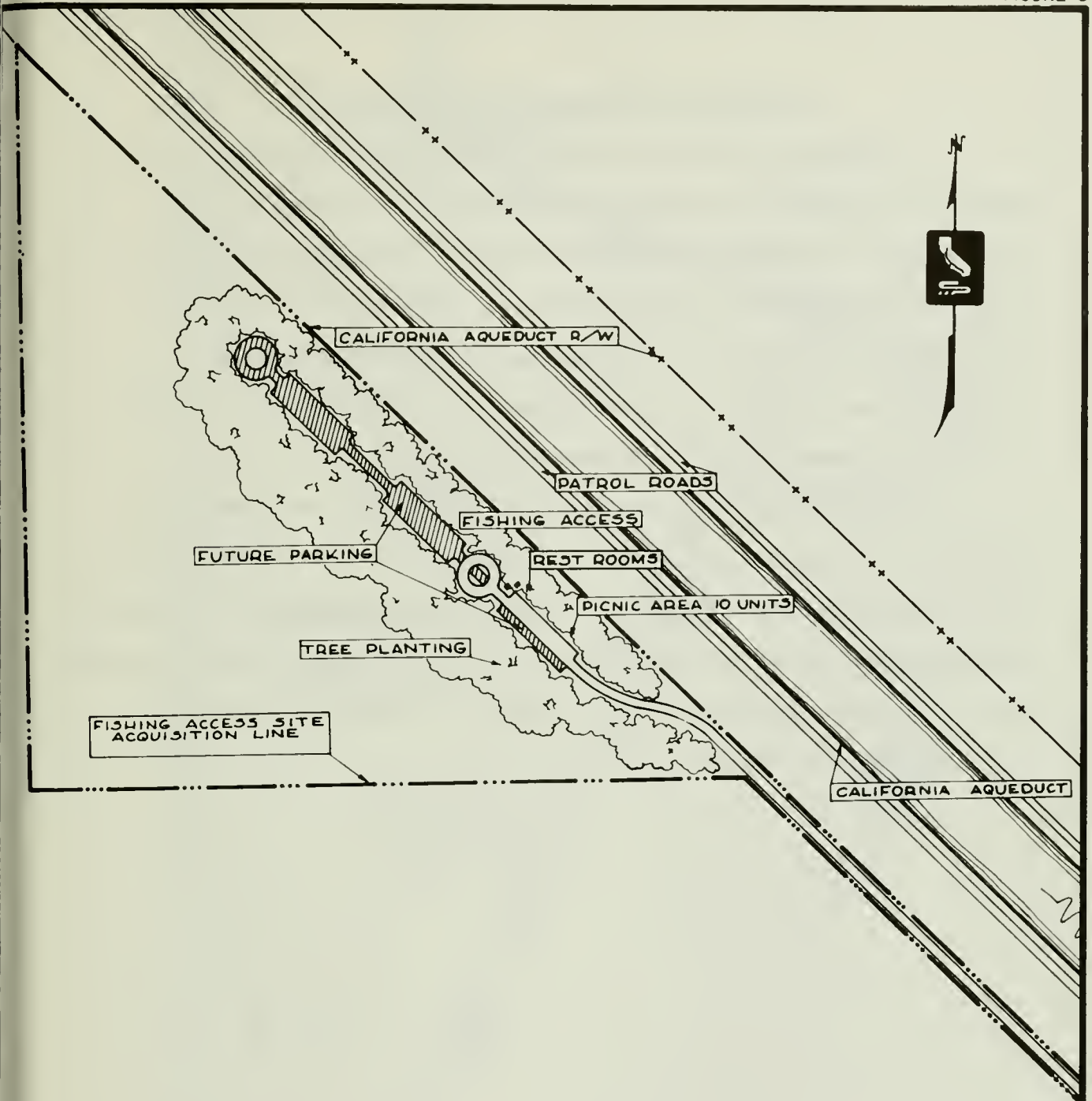
An emergency land use and acquisition plan for this recreation area was approved in February of 1964. The Division of Right-of-Way Acquisition has completed negotiations for 142 acres, and this portion of the proposed recreation area is now under state ownership. A recreation development plan for the area is scheduled for completion in March 1966. Development of the area is scheduled to be completed in 1968.



Three Rocks Fishing Access Site

Recommendations for recreation land use and acquisition at Three Rocks Fishing Access Site will be included in the recreation land use and acquisition plan for the San Luis Division of the California Aqueduct which is scheduled for completion in January 1967. The U. S. Bureau of Reclamation has purchased 8.7 acres at the proposed site in excess of project needs and has a perpetual easement on an additional 64.6 acres.

Approximately 24 acres of land would be developed to provide shade trees, wildlife habitat, picnic facilities, fishing access to the California Aqueduct, parking, water supply, and sanitary facilities. A recreation development plan for Three Rocks Fishing Access Site is scheduled for completion in November 1968. Construction of the site is scheduled to be completed in April 1971.



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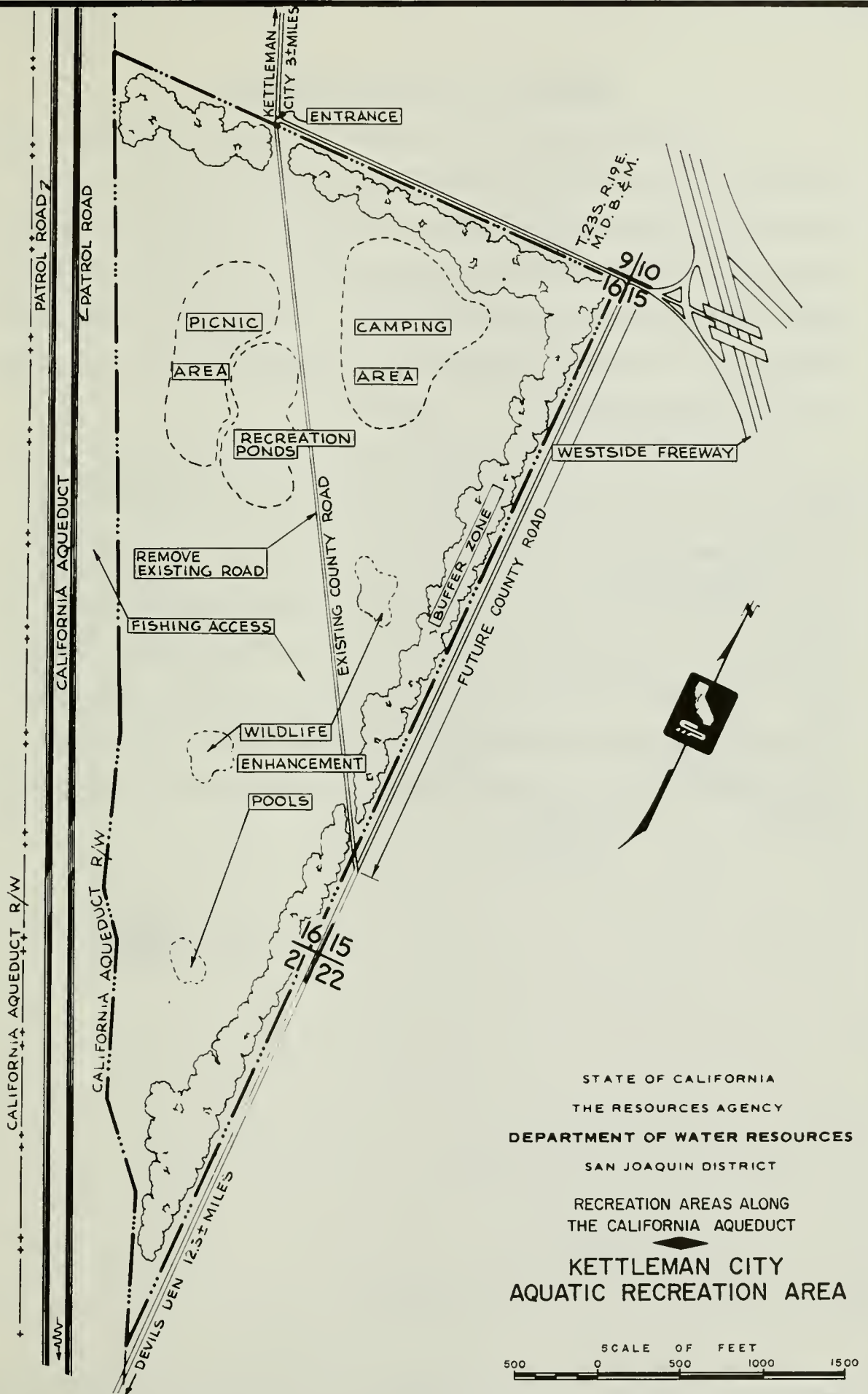
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Kettleman City Aquatic Recreation Area

Kettleman City Aquatic Recreation Area would be developed on 398 acres to provide for camping, picnicking, fishing, swimming, and rowboating. The development would also provide a wildlife area, nature trails, a concession area, water supply, and sanitary facilities. The recreation facilities would be centered around two adjacent ponds totaling 20 surface acres. The development plan for the proposed recreation area is scheduled for completion in March 1966.

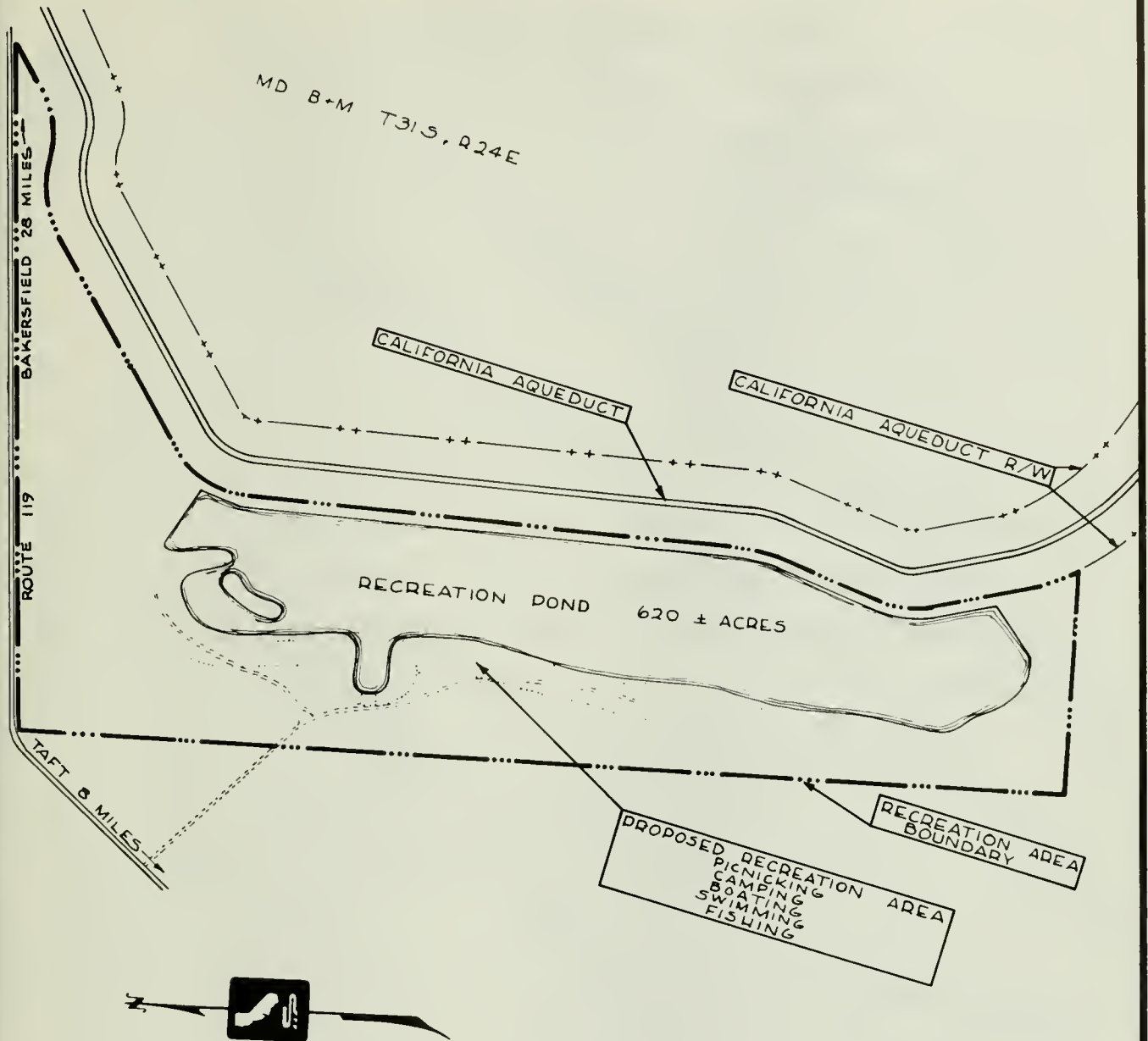
An emergency land use and acquisition plan for Kettleman City Aquatic Recreation Area was approved by the Department of Finance in July 1963. The Division of Right-of-Way Acquisition has completed the appraisal of the proposed recreation area lands and is currently negotiating to acquire them. The initial development of Kettleman City Aquatic Recreation Area is scheduled to be completed in 1968.



Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area

A recreation land use and acquisition plan is presently being prepared for the South San Joaquin division of the California Aqueduct and will be completed by March 1966. This plan will include recommendations for recreation land use and acquisition in the vicinity of the old Buena Vista Lakebed in western Kern County. The Division of Right-of-Way Acquisition is currently identifying parcels within the proposed boundaries of the recreation area.

The proposed Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area would consist of approximately 2,300 acres with a pond surface area of about 600 acres. The development would provide for camping, picnicking, swimming, boating, water skiing, and fishing. It would also provide a wildlife area, a water supply, sanitary facilities, and a concession area. A recreation development plan is scheduled for completion in October of 1967. In the report to the Legislature, the Department would propose that construction of initial facilities at Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area be completed in 1971.



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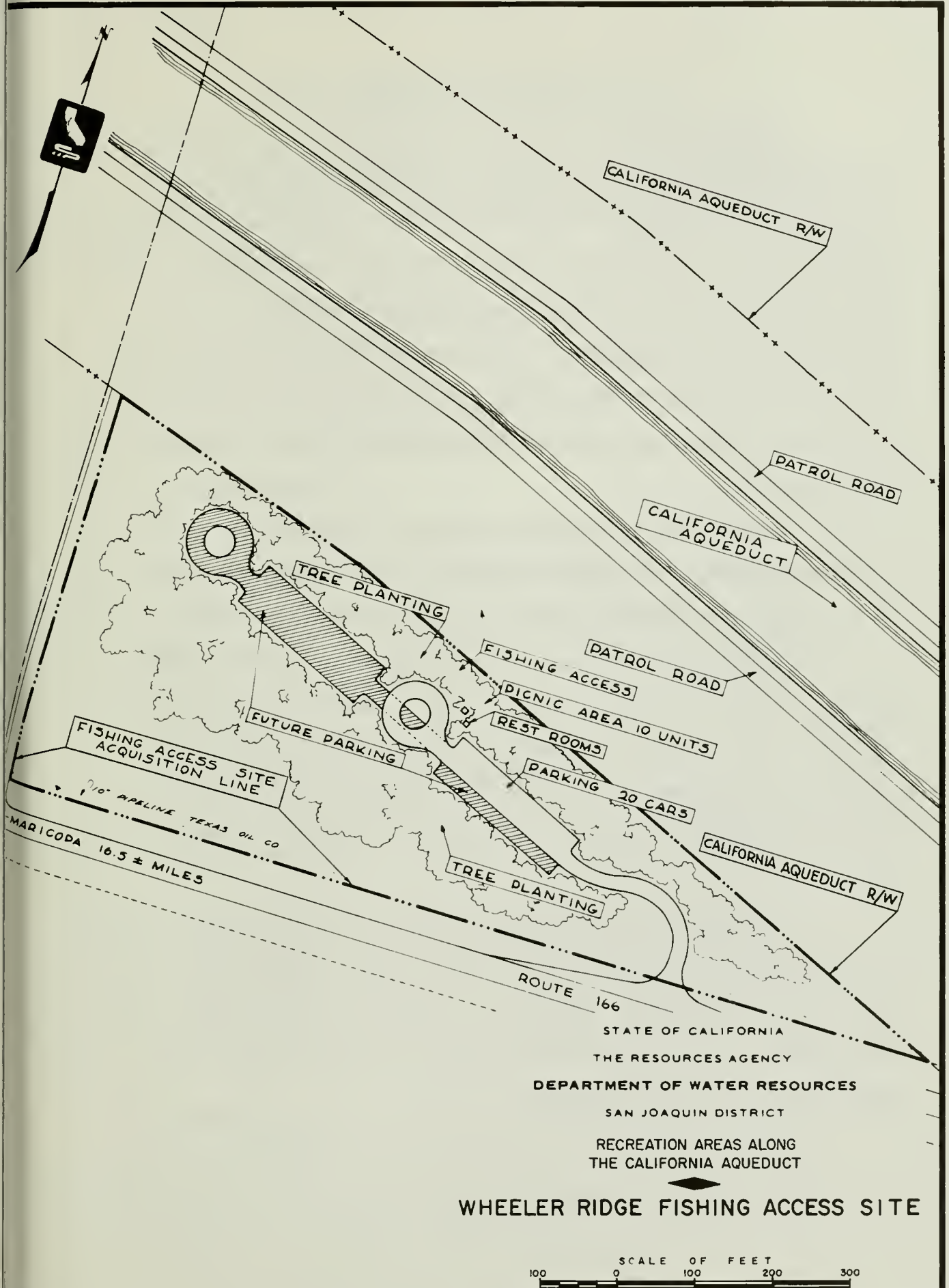
BUENA VISTA AQUATIC RECREATION AREA



Wheeler Ridge Fishing Access Site

Recommendations for recreation land use and acquisition at Wheeler Ridge Fishing Access Site will be included in the recreation land use and acquisition plan for the South San Joaquin division of the California Aqueduct. The plan is scheduled for completion in March 1966. The Division of Right-of-Way Acquisition is currently making appraisals of the parcels to be acquired.

The site would consist of about six acres of land developed to provide shade trees, wildlife habitat, picnic facilities, fishing access to the California Aqueduct, parking, water supply and sanitary facilities. The recreation development plan for the site is scheduled for completion in October 1971. Development of the site is scheduled to be completed in April 1974.



San Luis Reservoir and Forebay

Bulletin No. 117-7, entitled "San Luis Reservoir and Forebay Recreation Development Plan", describes in detail the initial onshore facilities to be developed at San Luis reservoir and San Luis Forebay and recommends the appropriation of funds for their construction. At the Basalt area on the main reservoir, 100 picnic sites, 800 camp sites, a boat ramp, and water supply and sewage disposal systems would be provided. At San Luis Creek area on the forebay, the development would include 300 picnic sites, one group area, a boat ramp, and water supply and sewage disposal systems.

Construction of recreation facilities at San Luis Forebay is scheduled to begin in the spring of 1966. The facilities are scheduled to be completed and ready for recreation use in the spring of 1968.

Appendix C to Bulletin No. 117-7 describes a fish and wildlife development plan for San Luis reservoir and San Luis Forebay. The plan recommends establishment of a warmwater fishery in the reservoir and forebay, and management of certain lands adjacent to the reservoir for wildlife. Appendix C will be transmitted to the Legislature early in 1966.

Considerable progress has been made on the tree-planting program at the reservoir and forebay. Since February 1964, approximately 3,300 trees have been planted in the San Luis Creek area, at the forebay, and approximately 1,700 trees have been planted on about 40 acres in the Basalt area at the main reservoir.

FUTURE RECREATION DEVELOPMENTS

Future recreation developments as described in this report are those that would be constructed to meet increasing recreation demands as these demands materialize.

Corral Hollow Fishing Access Site

The Corral Hollow Fishing Access Site would consist of five acres of land developed to provide shade trees, wildlife habitat, picnic facilities, fishing access to the California Aqueduct, parking, water supply and sanitary facilities.

An emergency land use and acquisition plan for this site was approved by the Department of General Services in January 1964. The Division of Right-of-Way Acquisition is currently negotiating to acquire the land proposed for the fishing access site. The date for development of the site has not been scheduled.

Oro Loma Fishing Access Site

Recommendations for recreation land use and acquisition at Oro Loma Fishing Access Site will be included in the recreation land use and acquisition plan for the San Luis division of the California Aqueduct. The plan is scheduled for completion in January 1967. The proposed site has been purchased by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation in conjunction with the acquisition of project lands. The 19.7 acre parcel is in excess of the project needs.

Approximately 15 acres of land would be developed to provide shade trees, wildlife habitat, picnic facilities, fishing access to the California Aqueduct, parking, water supply and sanitary facilities. The date for development of this site has not been scheduled.

Huron Fishing Access Site

Recommendations for recreation land use and acquisition at Huron Fishing Access Site will be included in the recreation land use and acquisition plan for the San Luis division of the California Aqueduct. Negotiations for land acquisition have not been initiated.

The site would consist of approximately six acres of land developed to provide shade trees, wildlife habitat, picnic facilities, fishing access to the California Aqueduct, parking, water supply and sanitary facilities. The development date for this site has not been scheduled.

Lost Hills Fishing Access Site

Recommendations for recreation land use and acquisition at Lost Hills Fishing Access Site will be included in the recreation land use and acquisition plan for the South San Joaquin division of the California Aqueduct. This plan is scheduled for completion in March 1966. The proposed fishing access site is currently under appraisal by the Division of Right-of-Way Acquisition.

The site would consist of approximately 12 acres of land developed to provide shade trees, wildlife habitat, picnic facilities, fishing access to the California Aqueduct, parking, water supply and sanitary facilities. The date for development of this site has not been scheduled.

Buttonwillow Fishing Access Site

Recommendations for recreation land use and acquisition at Buttonwillow Fishing Access Site will be included in the recreation land use and acquisition plan for the South San Joaquin division of the

California Aqueduct. The proposed fishing access site land is currently under appraisal by the Division of Right-of-Way Acquisition.

The site would consist of approximately 22 acres of land developed to provide shade trees, wildlife habitat, picnic facilities, fishing access to the California Aqueduct, parking, water supply and sanitary facilities. The date for development of this site has not been scheduled.

Tupman Aquatic Recreation Area

Recommendations for recreation land use and acquisition at Tupman Aquatic Recreation Area were to be included in the recreation land use and acquisition plan for the South San Joaquin division of the California Aqueduct. Several problems regarding use and acquisition of land, however, will necessitate the preparation of a separate land use and acquisition plan for this recreation area.

The present plan for the proposed Tupman Aquatic Recreation Area is to develop approximately 1,100 acres of land to provide for picnicking, swimming, fishing, and boating. The development will also include a wildlife area, water supply and sanitary facilities. The recreation development plan for the proposed park is not scheduled for completion until October 1974; therefore, details for the development are only preliminary. No date has been scheduled for the development of the site.

Aqueduct Trails System

An aqueduct trails system, a new concept of recreation use for the California Aqueduct, is being studied. This system would make long reaches of the aqueduct available for public recreation by providing

hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding trails immediately adjacent to it. Each of the trails could be made separate from the others. Motor vehicles would not be allowed on the trails, and hunting would not be permitted. Vegetation could be planted for scenic and wildlife habitat purposes.

The proposed aquatic recreation areas and fishing access sites adjacent to the aqueduct could be used as staging and access areas for trail use, provided that the land area is sufficient to accommodate this additional use. Additional sanitary facilities would also be installed along the trails.

The scope of the present studies includes the entire aqueduct in the San Joaquin Valley to determine areas which should be selected for an initial program and also to determine how the trails system for the aqueduct would fit into the state riding and hiking trails system. The compatibility of a trails system with aqueduct design and operation will also be studied. A report on the development of a trails system will be prepared in the 1967-68 fiscal year.

STATUS OF WEST SIDE PROGRAM

Along with the activities reported in this bulletin the Department of Parks and Recreation is planning for the acquisition and development of five wayside parks in the vicinity of Interstate Route 5. Four of the park sites are situated within the San Joaquin Valley. In coordination with the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Parks and Recreation plans to integrate the wayside camping areas with proposed water-based recreation areas at San Luis Forebay, Kettleman City and Tupman. A wayside park is also planned for development at Orestimba Creek between the California Aqueduct and Interstate Route 5.

The Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, is planning for safety rests at six locations along Interstate Route 5 in the San Joaquin Valley. The Division of Highways is coordinating the planning of the safety rests with the Department of Water Resources. These facilities, however, do not lend themselves to joint use.

APPENDIX A

COMMENTS OF OTHER AGENCIES

NOTE: Figures, dates, and pages refer to draft of report as reviewed by the Departments of Parks and Recreation and Fish and Game. Footnotes refer to pages and figures as they appear in this report.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Carl L. Stetson
District Director
San Joaquin District
Department of Water Resources
1720 Fulton Street
Fresno, California

Date : February 3, 1966

Subject: California Aqueduct
Recreation Development 1965
Progress Report: Review of
Draft Report

From: Department of Parks and Recreation

The attached copy of a January 20, 1966 memorandum to the Director of Parks and Recreation from the Division of Beaches and Parks constitutes the comments of this department upon subject report.

/s/ Edward F. Dolder

Edward F. Dolder
Deputy Director-Executive

Attachment

cc: Charles DeTurk
Earl Hanson
Robert Hiller
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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Interdepartmental Communication

To: Honorable Fred L. Jones, Director
Department of Parks and Recreation

Date: January 20, 1966

File No.

From: The Resources Agency of California
Department of Parks and Recreation
Division of Beaches and Parks

Subject: Review of Draft Report "California Aqueduct
Recreation Development--1965 Progress Report"

The subject report has been reviewed by the Division of Beaches and Parks and our comments are as follows:

The report as drafted by the Department of Water Resources does not mention in any way the Department of Parks and Recreation or the fact that the majority of work leading to the publication of Bulletin No. 154, which is the basis for the subject progress report, was accomplished by the Department of Parks and Recreation through its Contract Services Unit. Some mention of this fact should be made and credit given.

On page 4, line 6, it is suggested that the sentence which reads, "A fishing access site at the intersection of Orestimba Creek and the California Aqueduct is planned as a replacement for the Sperry Road site," should read, "A fishing access site at the intersection of Orestimba Creek and the California Aqueduct is being evaluated as a replacement for the Sperry Road site."

On page 4, paragraph 3, it is mentioned that a recreation development plan for Los Banos Creek Detention Reservoir is scheduled for completion in July, 1967. The latest Department of Water Resources' Progress Report states that no reporting schedule has been established for this Reservoir. The same comment applies to Los Banos Creek Detention Reservoir as listed in Table 1, page 5.

Further, in regard to Table 1, it is not anticipated that the Ingram Creek Recreation Development Plan will be transmitted from Parks and Recreation until February, 1966. Therefore, the March, 1966 date for printing of this report by the Department of Water Resources is somewhat optimistic. Water Resources' Progress Report also states that the completion of construction of the facilities at Ingram Creek is scheduled for December, 1969 rather than April, 1968.

In regard to Kettleman City Aquatic Recreation Area, Water Resources' Progress Report schedules completion of construction of initial recreation facilities for March, 1969 rather than April, 1968.

Table 1 further shows that completion of construction of recreation facilities at Wheeler Ridge Fishing Access is scheduled for April, 1974. Your Progress Report shows "no scheduling" for this site.

On figure 1, page 7,^{1/} Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area, the acquisition boundary shown is at variance with that shown in the Land Use and Acquisition Plan--California Aqueduct--Southern San Joaquin District. The northeast portion (approximately 254 acres) of the Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area was not recommended for acquisition by the Department of Parks and Recreation. It is understood that this portion of land is needed for aqueduct cross-drainage and not recreation. Therefore, this area should be shown within the aqueduct right of way rather than within the recreation boundary.

The drilling sites reserved by the Tideland Oil Company should be indicated on figure 2,^{2/} Kettleman City Aquatic Recreation Area. In addition, only one recreation pond is depicted in this plate. The Recreation Development Plan for this area shows two separate ponds, one for fishing and quiet boating, and one for swimming.

On Page 10,^{3/} Ingram Creek Aquatic Recreation Area, the first sentence should be changed to read, "The initial development at Ingram Creek Aquatic Recreation Area would include an 11-acre pond, water supply and sanitary facilities, a concession area and facilities for picnicking and swimming." Paragraph 2, sentence 2, should eliminate reference to the proposed park being scheduled for completion in March, 1966 since it is doubtful that the Recreation Development Plan will be completed by this date. Completion of construction of facilities is not scheduled until December, 1969 rather than in 1968 as stated in the last sentence.

The last sentence on page 12^{4/} states that development for Wheeler Ridge Fishing Access Site is scheduled for completion in April, 1974. As yet, development is not scheduled in the Water Resources' Monthly Progress Report.

The last sentence on page 14^{5/} reports completion of construction of recreation facilities for the Three Rocks Fishing Access Site in April, 1971. However, your Monthly Progress Report shows the completion date as July, 1971.

The last paragraph of page 19 regarding the Aqueduct Trail System should have inserted after the second sentence the statement, "Use of the levee embankment for the trails would be preferable."

^{1/} figure 5, page 13.

^{2/} figure 4.

^{3/} page 6.

^{4/} page 14.

^{5/} page 8.

January 20, 1966

On page 20, the second paragraph should also include the statement, "It may be necessary to acquire additional lands for staging and rest areas along the Aqueduct."

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment upon this report.

/s/ Charles A. DeTurk

CHARLES A. DeTURK
Chief

CAD:WJH:lc

cc: Mr. Hanson
Mr. Hiller
Mr. Rowe
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State of California

The Resources Agency

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Carl Stetson
District Director
San Joaquin District
Department of Water Resources
1720 Fulton Street
Fresno, California 93721

Date: February 4, 1966

From: Department of Fish and Game

Subject: WP - Draft Report, "California Aqueduct
Recreation Development - 1965 Progress
Report"

We have reviewed your draft report entitled "California Aqueduct Recreation Development - 1965 Progress Report" and offer the following comments:

1. Future development plans for the Lost Hills Fishing Access Site do not include recognition of the recommendation made by this Department in June 1965 for acquisition and development of a Lost Hills fish and wildlife area between the aqueduct and the Kern River Flood Canal near the town of Lost Hills. We would be very interested in knowing the status of our recommendation.

Moreover, your report does not cite our report, "Fish and Wildlife Land Use and Acquisition Plan - South San Joaquin Division, California Aqueduct", which was submitted to Director Warne in June, 1965. Nor does it refer to a report submitted in November, 1965 entitled "A Fish and Wildlife Development Plan for Kettleman City Aquatic Recreation Area".

2. The information given on page 10^{1/} regarding Ingram Creek Aquatic Recreation Area does not mention that the proposed development provides for fishing access to the aqueduct and a specific wildlife area. Figure 3 also omits these features.
3. Figure 2,^{2/} Kettleman City Aquatic Recreation Area, depicts only one pond. It was our understanding that there would be two ponds, a larger pond for fishing and boating and a small pond for swimming. Our development plan was based on that concept. If swimming and fishing use would occur in the same body of water, certain problems would arise that were not considered in the plan submitted to Water Resources last November.

^{1/} page 6.
^{2/} figure 4.

Mr. Carl Stetson

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February 4, 1966

With the above exceptions, we concur with your draft report. Thank you for the opportunity to review it.

/s/ W. T. Shannon

Director

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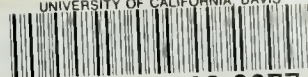
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